

# THE VIEW FEBRUARY 2005

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Hi Folks!

Thank you Bob Vernlund and Paul Tacke for donating your time and talents as HOA Board members and congratulations new Board members, Fred Humphrey and Jack Janssen.

Thanks, also, to all the volunteers in this great community for getting involved and making so many different activities and events available for the residents. Our February calendar is full of great options—Super Bowl Cook-off, dine out, ladies' luncheon, show in Palm Springs, bunco, bingo, golf, line dancing, bowling, poker, bridge, tai chi, etc.—a little something for everyone. You can pick and choose according to your interests. None of this would be possible without those who volunteer their time and talents. -Lori

## The Outgoing Prez Says by Bob Vernlund

Wow, another election, another Board of Directors, and another year! Do I have anything useful to say as your departing President? Yes! Stay involved, elect good people to the Board of Directors and fill the committees with the great volunteers we have seen so far. But it's not over yet. There are still people who defy the CC&R's. There is no excuse for someone not reading and understanding the CC&R's that were created for this Association. If there are parts that you feel need to be changed or modified, there is a procedure to do this and it is not open defiance of the regulations as they are written. The property values and condition of this association can only improve if the members agree to abide by the CC&R's of the Association. Legislation is being written and introduced that impacts Common Interest Developments (CID's) which include Homeowners Associations (HOA's). Some websites that may make your "staying involved" a little easier are: <http://www.alliedtrustee.com/code.htm>, <http://www.clac.org/>, <http://www.cai-grie.org/formmail/contact/>, <http://www.cidnetwork.com/>, and of course, the best of all, <http://www.mountainviewhoa.org>.

So I leave you with my thanks for all the support and time given to make this a great community to live in and my personal pledge to "stay involved."

# ***MOUNTAIN VIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — JANUARY 19, 2005***

***by Joanne Phillips, Secretary***

**Manager's Report** – David Lidyoff requested approval from the homeowners to transfer any excess operating funds to the Association's Reserve Accounts to avoid paying taxes on the excess.

The official business at the Annual Meeting is the election of officers to the Board of Directors. Bob Vernlund introduced the following candidates for two vacant positions: DeeDee Seek, John Janssen, Fred Humphrey, George Podolsky and Mike Hannah. John Janssen and Fred Humphrey were elected to replace Bob Vernland and Paul Tacke.

**Directors' Report** – Joanne Phillips and Vickie Burt met with a representative from the City of Moreno Valley Parks Department regarding the run-off from the horse trail at the Cactus entrance. The City plans to pave the horse trail at the end of the month. The City of Moreno Valley Traffic Department completed painting the curbs red within 25 feet of each side of the JFK entrance. Meredith Teague, homeowner, reported the installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Cactus and JFK. Also, Moreno Valley City Council has approved traffic lights for the entrances/exits at Redlands and the 60 freeway, with installation in 2005.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Facilities** – The putting green has been repaired at no cost to the Association! All of the inoperative lights in the common area and clubhouse have been repaired. The Facility Committee members have requested that the Board create and control a master calendar for the use of the Clubhouse. In the Open Forum, it was reported that the light at the keypad at the JFK entrance is unsatisfactory and it will be repositioned. Also, inoperative tree lights at both entrances will be replaced and restrung.

**Landscape** – During the recent walk-thru, it was discovered that we need to replace plants on slopes from the former model homes to San Jacinto Drive.

**Design and Review** – Problems are occurring because homeowners are not adhering to the DRC's decisions.

**Social Club** – The Super Bowl Party is being held on February 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a “**make your favorite soup**” contest. If you are not interested in participating in the contest, please bring a dish to share.

**Web Page** – Suggestions and interest from the homeowners are appreciated. The webpage is still a “work in progress.”

**Neighborhood Watch** – Rick Hansen resigned from this chairmanship due to lack of interest on the part of the homeowners. The Board appreciated all of Rick's efforts.

***MOUNTAIN VIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS — JANUARY 19, 2005 (Cont'd)***

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The light at the JFK entrance has been ordered and installation should be completed within the next two months. The replacement palm tree at the clubhouse entrance has been ordered at Ryland's expense. The removal of the old tree and installation of the new tree will be completed within the next two weeks. The proposal for janitorial services was tabled until next month. The Board approved a contract for preventive maintenance on exercise equipment to Fitness Repair Shop.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Board approved the purchase of new patio furniture, with expenses not to exceed \$10,000. Also approved was the installation of a cement slab at the former exit gate in the patio, with expenses not to exceed \$7,500. Approved Artistic Maintenance request for plant replacement.

**OPEN FORUM**

Several homeowners expressed concerns regarding parked cars in driveways in violation of the CC&R's.

***VOLUNTEER NEEDED***

A volunteer is needed to take charge of the Poker games at the Clubhouse on Thursdays at 12:30 pm. If interested, please contact Joan Williams.



# WELCOME NEIGHBOR

by *Charlotte Lillard*

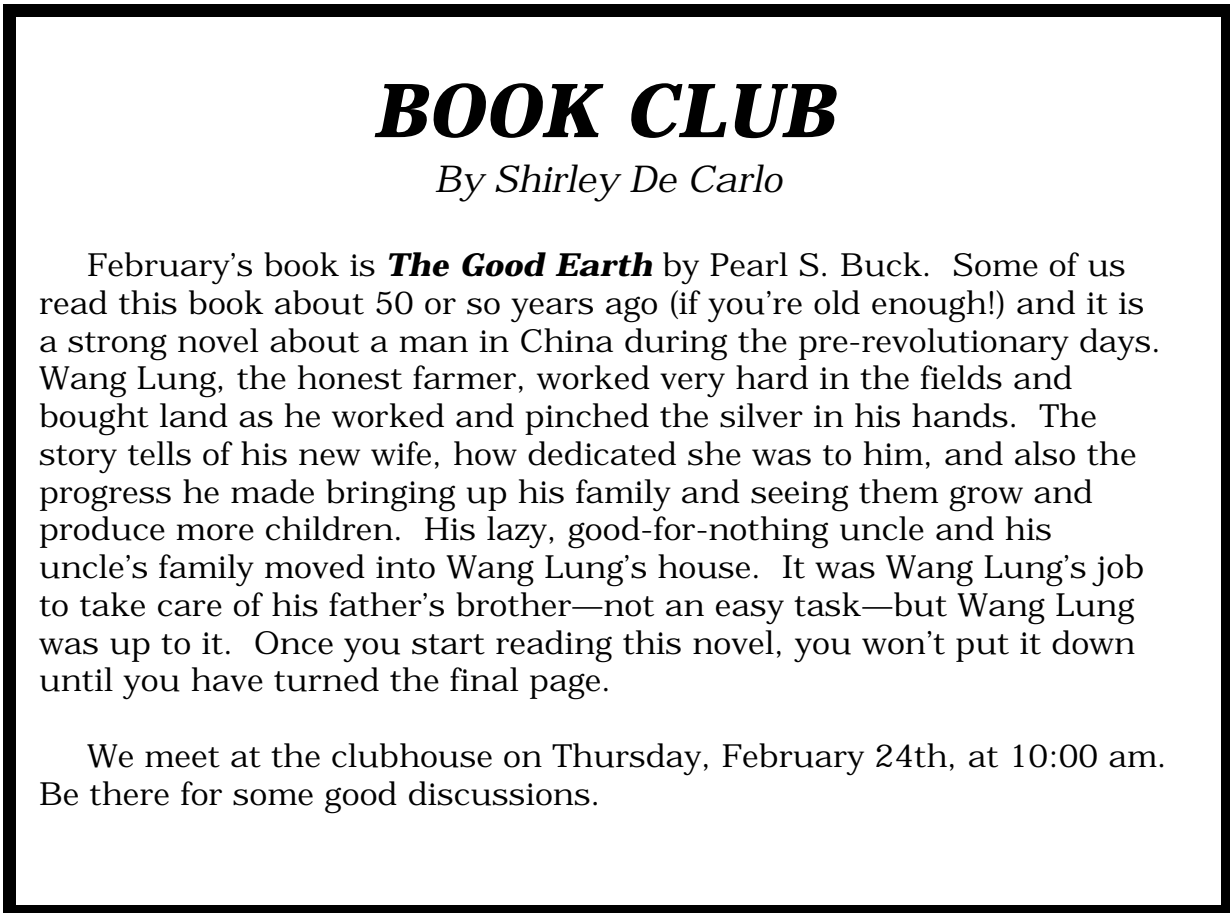
I am so pleased to be the new greeter in our community. Thank you Meredith for the great job.

If you have moved into Mountain View in the last few months or just recently and have not been contacted by the Community Greeter, please contact me.

## Welcome New Neighbors

***Eddie and Myrtle Winans—4751 White Mountain Way (from Moreno Valley)***

***Beverly Hickman—14544 Everest Way (from Riverside)***



# **BOOK CLUB**

By *Shirley De Carlo*

February's book is ***The Good Earth*** by Pearl S. Buck. Some of us read this book about 50 or so years ago (if you're old enough!) and it is a strong novel about a man in China during the pre-revolutionary days. Wang Lung, the honest farmer, worked very hard in the fields and bought land as he worked and pinched the silver in his hands. The story tells of his new wife, how dedicated she was to him, and also the progress he made bringing up his family and seeing them grow and produce more children. His lazy, good-for-nothing uncle and his uncle's family moved into Wang Lung's house. It was Wang Lung's job to take care of his father's brother—not an easy task—but Wang Lung was up to it. Once you start reading this novel, you won't put it down until you have turned the final page.

We meet at the clubhouse on Thursday, February 24th, at 10:00 am. Be there for some good discussions.

**SUPER BOWL  
XXXIX**

**PARTY  
SOUP COOK-OFF  
&  
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**

**February 6, 2005  
2:00 pm  
at the  
Clubhouse**

***COME JOIN IN THE FUN!***

## ***THE GARDENER'S CORNER***

*by Carole Sweeney*

*From the gardener's corner...* February in Southern California means starting all over in the garden. **Frosts** are possible, so keep the garden well watered. If a frost is predicted, use old sheets to cover your plants that can't be moved. Remember, leave those frostbitten plants in place for the time being (if you can stand looking at them). We'll know if they survived by late March. If the garden isn't too wet from the January rain, **dig in lots of compost** so new plants will love their new home. This is the last month to plant bare root fruit and nut trees, berries, grapes and vines. It is the best time to plant strawberries so they can grow well before the weather warms and they put out blossoms. Looking for **quick color** in the garden? Now is a great time to put in pansies in a sunny section of the garden or primroses in a shady section. **Weed prevention** is on our minds as we remember spending so much time pulling them last year. In mid-February apply a fertilizer that contains a pre-emergence herbicide. Crabgrass begins germinating by the end of the month. Pendamethalin prevents oxalis, spotted spurge and crabgrass.

On February 11th, Sharlene Mauritz, Master Gardener, will demonstrate fruit tree grafting and she will allow some of us to try our hands at it. You may remember Sharlene from last year when she gave us a presentation on growing rare fruits in our gardens. I hope you can come because we only had 10 people at our rose pruning demonstration.

**Groundhog Day marks the halfway point to spring!!!** Happy digging in the dirt!

## ***POP-TOP UPDATE***

*By Nancy Berger*

As of January 1st, a total of **17 POUNDS** of tops have been donated for the benefit of those on kidney dialysis. Please save every pop-top and deposit them in the proper containers in the Clubhouse— or drop them off at Nancy's house (14662 Mountain Vista Drive).

Remember that a full bag starts with one and every one counts.

Thanks to all who are participating in this worthwhile endeavor.

## ***LEARN HOW TO QUILT***

*By Lori Humphrey*

Learn the basics of quilting—preparing the fabric, cutting, piecing and quilting. Two different techniques will be demonstrated—hand and machine. Patterns will be available. Make a quilt, wall hanging or pillow. Lori Humphrey and Marilyn Dawson will co-teach the first class on Thursday, February 17th, at 6:00 pm at the clubhouse. ***If you are interested in attending, call Lori or email at [lorimh@adelphia.net](mailto:lorimh@adelphia.net).***

## ***Energy-Weight Management Program***

***By Sharon Cristino***

*Balanced Way* is offering a new ***Energy-Weight Management Program*** created by two highly successful consultants in the ***Wellness Business***. By using the simple system, a person will lose pounds, trim inches, and feel terrific, brimming with energy.

Best yet, they will ***keep the weight off!***

Based on Dr. Barry Sears' book, "***A Week in the Zone***," the system ***balances*** the carbohydrates, protein, and fat intake. An easy-to-maintain "***Ten-Point Plan***" includes ten positive daily experiences to motivate you towards a lifetime of fitness and energy.

Among many other complications,  
being ***overweight*** is the ***chief cause of nearly 300,000 deaths a year!***

How many of us have tried weight control programs, only to find that, after a few months of weight loss, we gain it all back?

***Make Energy & Weight Management one of your TOP PRIORITIES this year!***

***Join us on Monday, February 7th  
at 6:00 p.m.  
at the Mountain View Clubhouse***

## **CARING COMMUNITY**

***by Helen Grogan***

*Once again this community of caring people came together to say good-bye to one of our members, Herb Bailey. A big heartfelt thank you to all who blessed Bev and her family with the condolence meal at the clubhouse—such a team effort. Linda Quinn and I wanted to especially thank Ted Bolden for standing out in the cold wet rain and using his clicker to let Bev's family through the gate.  
**THANK YOU ALL.***

## **Thank You**

Thank you to everyone for the lovely luncheon for our family and friends. Also, thank you for the many cards of condolence.



# What's Cooking?

*By Helen Grogan*

I know this recipe has ingredients that contain calories and fat and you will be tempted to toss it. But, I found this delicious and well worth the sinful ingredients—a nice break from being "GOOD." I found it was easier to cut and seed the peppers before roasting—much easier to peel and they roast more evenly. Peppers were hard to find at first; but thanks to Dee Stevenson, produce manager, our new Stater Bros now stocks them. ENJOY!

## **MAC AND TEXAS CHEESE WITH ROASTED CHILES**

4 poblano chile peppers  
1 lb uncooked elbow macaroni  
1/2 cup butter  
1/2 cup all purpose flour  
2 cups whipping cream  
1 cup milk  
3 cups (12oz) shredded monterey jack cheese, divided  
1 tsp salt  
1/4 cup Italian-seasoned breadcrumbs  
1/2 cup shredded parmesan cheese

- Broil chile peppers on an aluminum foil-lined baking sheet 5 inches from heat about 5 minutes on each side or until chiles look blistered. Place chiles in a zip-top plastic bag, seal and let stand 10 minutes to loosen skins. Peel chiles; remove and discard seeds, and cut chiles into strips. Set aside.
- Prepare macaroni according to package directions: drain and set aside.
- Melt butter in a Dutch oven over low heat: whisk in flour until smooth. Cook one minute, whisking constantly. Gradually whisk in cream and milk. Cook over medium heat, whisking constantly, 5 minutes or until mixture is thickened and bubbly.
- Stir in 2¾ cups monterey jack cheese and salt until smooth. Stir in chiles and macaroni.
- Spoon mixture into a lightly greased 13-x-9 inch baking dish. Top evenly with Italian-seasoned breadcrumbs and parmesan cheese.
- Bake at 375° or 40 minutes. Remove from oven and sprinkle evenly with remaining ¼ cup monterey jack cheese.
- Broil 5 inches from heat about 3 to 5 minutes or until cheese is golden and bubbly.





## **Spiritually Speaking ...**

*By Kay Donner*

My name is Kay Donner, and I have noticed a feeling for some Christian activity in the Community. Many of us have moved from far off cities and even from other states. Though we were active in churches in our home towns, we haven't found a new home church. We seem to miss the fellowship of being with others in a worshipful attitude.

Perhaps a small home study group would help fill your need for awhile. I presently meet with six other people who live in the Mountain View community. We are using Rick Warren's *The Purpose Driven Life – What On Earth Am I Here For?* A few more meetings and we will have completed the book, but we do plan to begin another Biblical study. The group is interdenominational and we would welcome any interested others. However, I am wondering if there are any other groups that are meeting just for Mountain View members. Perhaps we could update our residents as to different studies and gathering places for the community members. Maybe you are interested in becoming a study leader or host/hostess. I'd like to help in any way I am able to coordinate meeting places, and people who might want to attend a Bible study group. You may contact me by phone or email ([kayandbill@verizon.net](mailto:kayandbill@verizon.net)). I live on Grandview – 28510.

On another matter. Just before Christmas it was placed upon my heart to gather several in prayer for our community residents. I called anyone who had listed in the Ryland directory an interest in Bible study or Church. Many of you responded enthusiastically, but because of short notice or other obligations were unable to attend. Maxine Dixon and I met for about an hour and prayed for our community and its leaders and other members. We feel we would like to continue this calling and invite any others interested to meet with us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of each month at 10:30 at my home.

May the Lord bless you.

## **TELEPHONE CARDS FOR VETERANS**

*by Joanne Phillips*

I recently shared information with many of you the need for pre-paid telephone cards for hospitalized soldiers in Washington, D.C. Two weeks ago, an article in the local paper reported that the hospitals were inundated with cards! How wonderful!

So, I called our local VA hospital and they would be very appreciative if you would care to donate cards to their location. They also have a need for volunteers. The volunteer orientation is on the 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 2:00 p.m. at the chapel located on the first floor. Parking is at a premium, so it is best to arrive at 1:30 p.m. in order to find a space.

To send the pre-paid telephone cards or to attend volunteer orientation, the address is:

Loma Linda VA Hospital  
Chief for Volunteer Services  
11201 Benton Street  
Loma Linda, CA 92357

Thank you for your generosity. Joanne Phillips

# **BUNCO!!**

Bring \$4.00 and Join Us at the Clubhouse

*Most Buncos - Bev Bailey*

*Most Baby Buncos - Katie Brambila*

*Most Wins - Godfrey Asciak/Katie Brambila (tie)*

*Most Losses - Shirley DeCarlo/Kay Howe/Fran Martinez/Louis Lukomski (tie)*

*Last to Hold Fuzzy Dice—Doris Asciak*

*(Sharon Cristino had 2 bunco's and 3 baby bunco's in one hand!)*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2005**

*(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month)*

**6:30 PM at the Clubhouse**

*This will be a "SOUPER" night. Bring your favorite soup, or a salad or bread to go with soup.*

**For more information contact:**

**Sue Janssen - 242-0959 or Sharon Shavce - 247-2772**

**[ESJanssen@adelphia.net](mailto:ESJanssen@adelphia.net) or [SShavce@Gmail.net](mailto:SShavce@Gmail.net)**

# **BINGO!**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2005**

*(4th Tuesday of each Month)*

**6:30 PM @ THE CLUBHOUSE**

**GODFREY ASCIAK AND MIKE FRAHM ARE THE COORDINATORS AND CALLERS**

**COST: \$4.00 AT THE DOOR**

**BINGO CARDS: 3 CARDS FOR \$1.00**

**For more information contact:**

**Godfrey Asciak (485-5138) or Mike Frahm (485-3095)**

# **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

*by Joan Williams*

I guess by now we've all accepted that it actually is 2005, and that time seems to move on whether we like it or not. We are eagerly looking forward to this year's Superbowl! Once again we will have our **Community Superbowl Cook-off**, but this year it will be a **Soup Cook-off**. Yup, we finally admitted that we couldn't compete with Jack Janssen's wonderful chili.

The competition will be held on Superbowl Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, at the clubhouse at 2 p.m. Bring your favorite soup. Everyone there will have a vote on the "best" soup, and there will be a prize for the winner! We also welcome breads and other dishes to accompany the soups. As usual, the Social Club will have beverages available.

We are delighted to welcome new volunteers to the Board. **Charlotte Lillard** is taking over the position of **Community Greeter**, and will be welcoming newcomers to our community.

The position of **Advertising Editor** will be covered by the team of **Sharon Cristino** and **Kyung Son**. Please submit your ads to them by the 14<sup>th</sup> of the month, since they must be submitted for printing by the 15<sup>th</sup>.

We are so pleased at the response to our request for volunteers. We love to have you all involved in community activities. We are open to new ideas and welcome your participation.

**Come on down and join in the fun!**